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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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#### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 17 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                                  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                                         | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____                                                |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/11/04</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isobe et al (US Patent No. 5,716,036).

Regarding claims 1 and 6, Isobe et al discloses an optical deflection device (Fig. 1) comprising an optical base member (1), a polygon mirror which is formed into a regular polygon and has a reflecting surface on each peripheral end face (3); a flange member which holds said polygon mirror and rotates with respect to the base member (2), a press member which presses said polygon mirror against said flange member (5), wherein surface roughening is performed at least one a holding surface said flange member which holds said polygon mirror and a held surface of said polygon mirror which held by the holding surface (see column 5, lines 54-57), and the holding surface and the held surface are bonded, but silent whether these surfaces

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are bonded with adhesive. However, the press member 5 and polygon mirror 3 are bonded with adhesive 4 as shown Fig. 3. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use adhesive to bond the holding surface and held surface because the press member and the polygon mirror are bonded with adhesive and using the adhesive that is already available would be convenient.

Regarding claims 3-5, Isobe et al discloses the claimed invention as set forth above except for satisfying conditional expression or setting the values for adhesive or polygon mirror. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to satisfy conditional expression or set the values for adhesive or polygon mirror, since it has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art. In re Boesch, 617, F.2d 272, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980).

Regarding claim 2, Isobe et al discloses the claimed invention as set forth except the surface roughening includes abrasive blasting. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use abrasive blasting to roughen the surface for the purpose getting maximum roughness to the surface due to use of grits or particles for abrasive blasting.

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Regarding claim 7, Isobe et al disclose the claimed invention as set forth above except that the polygon mirror and flange member are made of aluminum. It is well known in the art to make the polygon mirror and flange member that are made of aluminum due to this material is light in weight.

Regarding claims 8-12, the method of manufacturing the optical device is inherently met by the disclosure of the prior art.

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EUNCHA P. CHERRY whose telephone number is 571-272-2310. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-4:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DREW DUNN can be reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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